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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the impeded delivery of natural gas for heating to the civilian population of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DECONCINI submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the impeded delivery of natural gas for heating to the civilian population of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Whereas there is little likelihood that either international negotiations or the ongoing combat in the region will result in a conclusion of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina in the near future;

Whereas the innocent civilian population of Bosnia-Herzegovina is heavily reliant on natural gas for heating, especially in Sarajevo and other cities;

Whereas the pipeline that delivers natural gas to Bosnia-Herzegovina runs through Serbia prior to reaching Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas delivery of natural gas to Bosnia-Herzegovina from the pipeline entering Bosnia-Herzegovina from Serbia has been impeded by Serb militants in Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas the denial of natural gas for heating, and of other utilities, is one of many aspects of the Serb siege of Sarajevo and other Bosnian civilian centers, and is part of the repugnant Serb policy known as ethnic cleansing;

Whereas international sanctions have been imposed on Serbia due to Serbian authorities' control of and influence over the Serb militants in Bosnia-Herzegovina, who are responsible for aggression and atrocities;

Whereas the sanctions against Serbia contain an exemption for humanitarian items, including natural gas as a heating fuel, which has resulted in the continuing flow of natural gas from Hungary into Serbia through the same pipeline that extends to Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas there are no signs that Serbian officials have made any effort to compel or convince the Serb militants to restore the flow of natural gas to Sarajevo and other parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas the civilians of Bosnia-Herzegovina are dangerously vulnerable to the elements as the second winter of the war against them approaches, and many thousands may die from the cold temperatures and associated deprivations; and

Whereas the current situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina may become an even greater human tragedy if action is not taken soon to remedy this situation: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (1) the President should actively seek a decision
2 by the United Nations to immediately and com-
3 pletely cut off the delivery of natural gas to Serbia,
4 including both delivery through the pipeline that en-
5 ters Serbia from Hungary, and delivery through or
6 by any alternative source; and

7 (2) such cutoff should continue until the regu-
8 lar and unimpeded flow of natural gas to Sarajevo
9 and other areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina is fully re-
10 stored.

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